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INTEREST

1. CHICAGO TRIBUNE, IN REUTER DISPATCH FROM BERLIN, SAID SECRETARY HAIG "STRONGLY SUGGESTED" THAT U.S. HAD EVIDENCE LINKING SOVIET UNION TO USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN SOUTHEAS ASIA. "AT VERY TIME WHEN U.S. IS BEING ACCUSED OF DELAY ON ARMS CONTROL, OTHERS APPEAR TO BE VIOLATING ONE OF OLDEST ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS -- THAT PROHIBITING USE OF TOXINS," HAIG SAID SUNDAY. SECRETARY SAID THERE HAD BEEN CONTINUING CONCERN WITHIN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT SOVIET UNION HA BEEN USING LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND AFGHANISTAN. LAST FALL, SECRETARY POINTED OUT, UNITED NATIONS ESTABLISHED AN IMPARTIAL GROUP OF MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO INVESTIGATE MATTER. "WE NOW HAVE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA WHICH HAS-BEEN - ANALYZED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN ABNORMALLYHIGH LEVELS OF THREE POTENT MICOTOXINS -- POISONOUS SUBSTANCES NOT INDIGEN

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OUS TO REGION AND WHICH ARE HIGHLY TOXIC TO MAN AND ANIMALS," HAIG SAID. HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ACCUSE SOVIET UNION OF HAVING USED CHEMICAL WEAPONS, ALTHOUGH IMPLICATION SEEMED CLEAR, REUTER NOTED. "TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN MY CAPITAL, U.S. WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT," HAIG STATED. U.S. WAS TAKING STEPS TO SEE THAT EVIDENCE WAS PRESENTED TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND TO GROUP OF EXPERTS INVESTIGATING ISSUE UNDER HIS AUSPICES, HAIG SAID. WASHINGTON POST, IN REUTER DISPATCH, REPORTED THAT TASS DESCRIBED HAIG'S CHARGES AS MONSTROUS AND SLANDEROUS. HAIG'S SUGGESTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE WAS "UNFOUNDED AND FALSE," TASS SAID. "IN ENTIRE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NO STATE HAS USED CHEMICAL WEAPONS AS WIDELY AS U.S.," TASS SAID.
2. GEORGE C. WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED REAGAN HAS

DECIDED TO TRIM DEFENSE INCREASES BY $13 BILLION, AND "JUBILANT" PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID CUTS WILL ONLY SLOW DOWN, NOT DERAIL, PRESIDENT'S HIGH SPEED REARMAMENT EFFORT. ACCORDING TO WILSON, PENTAGON OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THEIR REASONS FOR BEING SO UPBEAT ABOUT REAGAN DECISION BY SAYING IT LEAVES UNSCATHED HUGE INCREASES ADMINISTRATION MADE IN CARTER'S FISCAL 1980 AND 1981 BUDGET. OFFICIALS ADDED, SA WILSON, MOST OF $13 BILLION REAGAN WANTS TO CUT FROM PENT-AGON SPENDING CAN BE ABSORBED BY SLOWING PLANNED INCREASE IN ARMY STRENGTH AND STOCKPILING OF AMMUNITION ABROAD; RETIRING SOME NAVY SHIPS EARLIER AND POSTPONING CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 10 OF THEM PLANNED FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND REDUC-ING VOLUME OF AIRCRAFT PURCHASES FOR NEXT FEW YEARS.
3. EDWARD COWAN [illegible] N.Y. TIMES REPORTED SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DOMENICI SAID "MAJORITY OF MY COMMITTEE AND MAJORITY OF CONGRESS ARE LOOKING FOR LARGER (DEFENSE CUTS) THAN THAT." DOMENICI ADDED, "MILITARY WILL HAVE TO PRESENT THEIR FIVE YEAR PLAN IN DETAIL. THEY HAVE NOT DONE THAT TO THIS POINT. IF THEY ARE CONVINCING THEY WILL GET THEIR WAY. IF NOT, I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL CUTS REQUIRED." COWAN ALSO REPORTED HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JONES SAID REAGAN'S 13BILLION REDUCTION "IS ALMOST EXACTLY" WHAT HIS COMMITTEE PROPOSED LAST SPRING, BUT PRESIDENT SAID THEN "THAT IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE OUR SECURITY." ACCORDING TOCOWAN HOWEVER, REAGAN RESPONDED TO COMMENTS OF DOMENICI AND JONES BY SAYING "WE'VE BEEN CUTTI THE BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN OVERGROWN AND EXTRAVAGANT OVER YEARS WHILE IN SAME YEARS, DEFENSE HAS BEEN A POOR RELATIVE."
4. MAJOR DAILIES REPORTED HAIG'S SPEECH IN WEST BERLIN. REUTER DISPATCH IN N.Y. TIMES NOTED HAIG'S SPEECH "EXPRESSING PHILOSOPHIC DEFENSE OF WESTERN VALUES IN WORDS OF HIS AIDES,COINCIDEDWITH OPENING OF NATO WAR GAMES IN EUROPE, INVOLVIG 200,000 TO 300,000 MEN IN 28 EXERCISES

STRETCHING FROM NORWAY TO TURKEY. REUTER SAID THAT-

ALTHOUGH HAIG REAFFIRMED U.S. COMMITMENT TO GO AHEAD WITH ARMS CONTROL TALKS WITH SOVIET UNION, HE WARNED "THESE TALKSCAN SUCCEED ONLY IF NATO PROCEEDS WITH ITS PLANS TO MODERNIZE ITS THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES." BALTIMORE SUN'S HAL PIPER REPORTED HIAG VOWED TO "DEFEND TO THE DEATH" WEST BERLIN'S FREEDOM, EVEN AS DEMONSTRATORS BATTLED POLICE AND DEMANDED THAT U.S. END "OCCUPATION" OF CITY. IN PIPER'S VIEW, HAIG'S ASSERTION THAT "WILLINGNESS TO DEFEND OUR VALUES OF MAN AS A CREATIVE AND FREE INDIVIDUAL REMAINS THEIR ESSENTIAL GUARANTEE" WAS A DIRECT ANSWER TO DEMONSTRATORS IN WEST BERLIN'S STREETS MARCHING UNDER SLOGAN "NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PEACE."

5. WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID NOT ONLY HAS BONN RAISED CONCERNS WHICH FORCED U.S. TO PUSH BACK BY FOUR MONTHS TARGET DATE FOR DEPLOYING PERSHING II MISSILES IN FRG (FROM DEC. 1983 TO APR. 1984), BUT ALSO ASKED U.S. TO LET IT DELAY SETTING DATE FOR ACCEPTING NEW U.S. CRUISE MISSILES. ACCORDING TO PINCUS, SOURCES SURMISED IT COULD BE YEAR OR MORE BEFORE DATE AND LOCATION FOR DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. CRUISE MISSILES IN FRG IS SET. OFFICIALS FEAR, SAID PINCUS, EACH SUCH CHANGE INCREASES CHANCE THAT ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT DECISION MAY COME APART, LEAVING NATO IN MILITARY DISARRAY.

6. BERNARD GWERTZMAN OF N.Y. TIMES, IN DISPATCH FROM BELGRADE, REPORTED THAT HAIG, DURING STOPOVER IN SPAIN, TOLD CROWN PRINCE FAHD OF SAUDI ARABIA THAT REAGAN ADMINISTRATION EXPECTED TO WIN BATTLE OVER SELLING AWACS TO SAUDI ARABIA, DESPITE STRONG OPPOSITION ON CAPITOL HILL AND FROM ISRAEL. GWERTZMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT HAIG EXPLAINED TO FAHD, ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO ENGAGE IN "STRATEGIC COLLABO-RATION" WITH ISRAEL AS CONSISTENT WITH AMERICAN EFFORTS AT

ENCHANCING SECURITY FOR ENTIRE MIDDILE EAST. ACCORDING TO GWERTZMAN, HAIG'S SPOKESMAN FISCHER SAID "NO EXPRESSION OF DISAPPROVAL" WAS VOICED BY FAHD TOWARD AMERICAN STRATEGIC CONCEPTS.

7. ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH IN BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED SEN. CRANSTON ASSERTED SENATE OPPONENTS OF REAGAN'S PROPOSED SALE OF AWACS TO SAUDI ARABIA HAVE EXACTLY 51 VOTES NEEDED TO BLOCK SALE. AP NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT CRANSTON, SPEAKING ON ABC NEWS' "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" SAID REAGAN IS FIGHTING "VERY, VERY HARD" FOR HIS FIRST MAJOR FORIEGN POLICY VICTORY AND "HE MAY BE ABLE TO TIP BALANCE OTHER WAY."

8. ASSOCIATED PRESS STOCKHOLM DISPATCH IN N.Y. TIMES REPORTED SOVIET UNION DETONATED ITS "MOST POWERFUL" UNDER-

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GROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OF YEAR. AP QUOTED SPOKESMAN OF SWEDISH SEISMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AS SAYING EXPLOSION, IN SEMIPALATINSK AREA OF SIBERIA "REGISTERED 7 ON RICHTER SCALE." ACCORDING TO AP, THERE WAS NO SOVIET COMMENT ON REPORTED EXPLOSION, LATEST IN CONTINUING SERIES OF NUCLEAR TESTS. CLARK

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